IMPORTANT
ALSO SEE NOTES AT END

I guarantee ZERO accuracy in Nanami's explanations. Seriously, I might have messed it all up, I don't know. Sorry.

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...

A LONE SHRINE MAIDEN SAVED THE LIFE OF A DYING DEMON.

第10話 ハウンド(3)
CHAPTER 18 HOUND (3)
THE FORM OF A DEMON-HUMAN HYBRID.
THAT WAS...

THUS...
THE MAIDEN GAVE HER POWER TO SAVE THE DEMON'S LIFE.
THE DEMON'S FORM WAS ALTERED TO THAT OF A HUMAN

IN OTHER WORDS, THAT...
IS WHAT A "HOUND" IS
GET IT?

WHAT?

I'M SAYING, THAT DEMON-HUMAN WAS CALLED A "HOUND".
IT'S OUR COMMON ANCESTOR
WAIT, HOLD ON A MINUTE
A DEMON THAT'S A HUMAN...?

YEP, THAT'S RIGHT.
WE HOUNDS AREN'T HUMAN.
DEMON BLOOD FLOWS WITHIN US
SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...
YOU GUYS ARE CHOCK-FULL OF DEMON BLOOD THAT'S WEIRD, I AGREE.
BUT THAT STORY IS MORE ABSURD THAN IT IS AMAZYING
HOW RUDE!
.....
HM, THAT'S A PRETTY MILD RE-ACTION.
THIS IS SOME AMAZING STUFF HERE!
Boring~

THE WHOLE IDEA JUST SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME
OR RATHER..
YOU BEING HUMAN-DEMON THINGS DOESN'T EVEN SEEM POSSIBLE.
YEAH, I GUESS IT DOES.
OH? WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
"TOP-SECRET"?
THAT'S A HUGE EXAG-GERATION.
THE MAIDEN AND HOUND ARE REAL, THOUGH.
IT'S BEEN HIDDEN FOR A LONG TIME.
IT'S KIND OF TOP-SECRET, ACTUALLY.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HOUND'S POWER.
KNOWLEDGE OF THE MAIDEN'S VERY EXISTENCE IS FORBIDDEN

YOU SEE...
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE CALLED "HOUND"
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF A-RANK DEMONS
ONLY ONE PERSON IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CONTROL THEM ALL
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE'S REMAINED ALIVE FOR HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS
SHE POSSESSES ETERNAL LIFE AND YOUTH
ETERNAL LIFE AND YOUTH...?
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ISN'T SHE A "HER HIGHNESS"?

?
HIGHNESS?
That came out of nowhere~
OH, RIGHT.
WE HOUNDS USUALLY REFER TO HER AS A "PRINCESS".
So, "Her Highness"

"YOUR HIGHNESS", RIGHT?
WE'RE IMPORTANT PEOPLE

PRIN-CESS?
EEK
WELL...
Princess?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DEFEND HER
SO, WE'RE IMPORTANT PEOPLE~

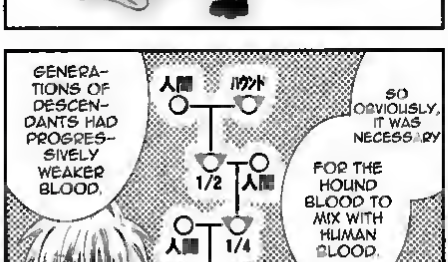
TORI SAID...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SENSE SOMEONE
SHE TOLO ME THAT IT'S "HER MAJESTY".

ARE WE REALLY TALKING ABOUT THE SAME PEOPLE HERE?
I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH DETAIL ABOUT THE PRINCESS.
NEVERTHE-LESS, SHE IS "ABSOLUTE" TO US.
A LONG TIME AGO, SHE GAVE HER POWER TO THE DEMON, GIVING IT HUMAN FORM.
THEREFORE, SHE IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE HOUNDS OUR "CREATOR", AND SO AN "ABSOLUTE" BEING.
WE SUBCON-SCIOUSLY FEEL HER EXISTENCE.
SO WE INSTINCTIVELY FEEL LOVE AND OBEDIENCE TOWARD HER.

ARE THE PRINCESS'S HUNTING DOGS
HER WATCH-DOGS.
WHICH MEANS, WE ..
THAT IS TO SAY..
WE'RE HOUNDS.
KOTORI AND I ONLY HAVE THAT INSTINCT TO A LIMITED EXTENT.
OUR BLOOD IS DILUTED, YOU SEE.
?
Dogs...
THOUGH I SHOULD SAY..

WHICH MEANS IT WAS THE ONLY "HOUND" IN EXISTENCE.
THE PRINCESS GAVE THE DEMON A HUMAN FORM.
SO, IT WAS THE FIRST HOUND.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WEAK BLOOD EARLIER.
THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YEP.


GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS HAD PROGRESSIVELY WEAKER BLOOD.
人間
ハウンド
1/2
人間
人間
1/4
SO OBVIOUSLY, IT WAS NECESSARY
FOR THE HOUND BLOOD TO MIX WITH HUMAN BLOOD.

I ALREADY KNOW!!
You don't need to explain anything!
DO YOU NEED ME TO EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU~?
...The birds and the bees?
OH!

WE CAN'T COMPARE, HER BLOOD IS SO AMAZINGLY STRONG.
?
THIS CHILD IS SPECIAL.
KOTORI AND I ARE VERY FAR DOWN THE CHAIN, WE'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO HUMAN.
Smells so good~

TEIRU'S EARS AND TAIL...
ARE THOSE BECAUSE OF HER BLOOD?
WAAHHH! NAMI, THAT TICKLES!
Stop touching weird places!
What's with these people
THAT'S RIGHT PLUS...
IT'S A TRAIT FROM THE ORIGINAL HOUND THE DEMON'S EARS AND TAIL.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING
.....
HMM, MAYBE..
YES. FANG.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE HER "FANG" YET.
?
FANG?
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A WEAPON FROM HER HAND.
THIS IS A "FANG".
A FANG FROM THE FIRST HOUND.
A UNIQUE WEAPON.
SLAUGHTER
DESTROY.
A DEMON'S INSTINCTS
HEY KAZUMA.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DEMON'S INSTINCTS ARE?
WHAT?

A DEMON'S POWER AND A HUMAN'S INTELLIGENCE CREATED A NEW KIND OF CREATURE.
NATURALLY, THE CROSSING OF A DEMON AND HUMAN WAS TOO POWERFUL FOR THE BODY.
ALTHOUGH THE DEMON GAINED A HUMAN FORM..
THE INSTINCTS STILL REMAINED THAT OF A DEMON
WISHED TO STAY WITH THE PRINCESS
HOWEVER, THE HOUND..
THIS IS A FANG.
RIGHT HERE.
AND SO THE HOUND REMOVED PART OF ITS BODY.
IT TORE OUT ITS OWN FANGS, TO RID ITSELF OF POWER

IT'S THE RESULT OF SOME KIND OF SPECIALIZED MAGIC.
EITHER WAY, WITH OUR WEAK BLOOD, WE'D BE PRETTY USELESS WITHOUT THESE.
SO THESE ARE HANDED DOWN THE BLOODLINE.
.....
SO THE FANG IS SOME KIND OF MAGICAL FOCUS.
TO BLOCK "THE DEMON'S INSTINCTS", BUT NOT THE POWER?
なあ
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A BIT OF A PROBLEM. WHAT IF THERE'S SEVERAL CHILDREN?
WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE FANG?
IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, REALLY.
THEY GIVE IT TO THE STRONGEST ONE, USUALLY THE FIRST-BORN.
THE PARENTS NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CHILD CAN HANDLE THAT MUCH POWER.
OH?
HAH?
IT'S A FOCUS FOR A HOUND'S OWN UNIQUE POWER~
HOW EFFECTIVE IT IS DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH POWER YOU CAN PUT INTO IT.
WELL, WHAT KIND OF POWER IS IT DESIGNED TO HOLD?
YOU DION'T SAY WHAT KIND OF FOCUS IT IS.
THEN AGAIN, HOUNDS ARE PRETTY COMPLICATED.
THEY'RE PRETTY ABNORMAL, DON'T YOU THINK?
EXPLAINING EVERY LITTLE THING ONE AT A TIME IS PRETTY BOTHERSOME~
おい？
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? YOU SAID YOU'D TEACH ME!

YOU DON'T HAVE A "FANG", DO YOU?
AND ALSO,
THAT RAISES A QUESTION.
FOR A HOUND WITH BLOOD LIKE YOURS TO NOT HAVE ONE IS VERY STRANGE.
WHY DION'T YOUR PARENTS GIVE YOU ONE?
.....
HER PARENTS?
DION'T SHE SAY THAT SHE'S FROM AN ORPHANAGE?
UH...
UM, WELL...

HUH? WHY THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO TEACH ME.
I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT ALL THIS CRAZY STUFF TOGETHER

HEY.
WHERE'S THIS PRINCESS MAIDEN THING NOW?

YEAH
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

*Text. Thanks

HMM WHERE SHE IS NOW..
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT..

SHE'S MISSING.

SOME 10-ODD YEARS AGO...
SHE SUDDENLY DISAP-PEARED.

TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THAT'S SOMETHING I HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT.
WHAT?

KOTORI TRIED SURPRISINGLY HARD IN HER SEARCH.
NO CLUES WHATSO-EVER.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE NOW DES-PERATELY SEARCHING FOR HER.
SO THEN...

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ALL HERE TOGETHER?
TO SEARCH FOR HER?
UM, YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT, THE SEARCH.
AND ALSO BECAUSE

SO WHAT IS THERE BESIDES-
ALSO?
THAT'S AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION YOU'RE HAVING.

AH!
HUH?

TORI~!
SO YOU'RE GETTING ALONG VERY WELL, TO HAVE SUCH A CONVERSATION HERE.
そうて
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT BLOOD AND TEETH AND PRINCESSES~!
WOW! SO THAT WAS IT?
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SCARY! SCARY!
SHE WASN'T EVEN LISTENING!
OH, YOU GOT HERE IN TIME.
WE WERE WAITING HERE FOR YOU.
YOUR TARDINESS WAS ALL FOR THE BEST, THOUGH

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO HAD SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND-SHIP.
"WHOM" IS YOU AND THAT KUROU GUY.
FOR WHOM?
WAITING?
KUROU?
.....
THAT IS NOT A POSSIBILITY.
フス
LEAVING THAT ASIDE.
?

YOU
HAD QUITE A CONVER-SATION.
OH?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK OF ANY-THING.
.....
SUPPOSING KAZUMA HAD A CONNECTION TO IT.
WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF THAT?
WHAT I DO IS MY OWN BUSINESS, NOT YOURS.

WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THERE'S NO WAY HE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY MAKE YOU THINK HE DOES?
...WELL?
JUST WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING?
.....
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR
TEIRU, YOU, AND I ARE THE SAME
WE ARE HOUNDS, SO WE MUST PROTECT HER

KAZUMA.
HE IS ALL WE HAVE. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE.
...EVEN SO.
.....
...I SEE.
WHATEVER YOU SAY.
な、
WHAT'S WITH THE INTENSE PRESSURE OVER THERE...
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
I'M TOO SCARED TO GO OVER THERE...
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HEY~! HEY~!
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WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS THE PRINCESS~?
TEIRU NEVER MET HER, SO TEIRU DOESN'T KNOW.
DO YOU KNOW, TORI~?
あ
JUST LIKE THAT..
ALL THAT TENSION... SHE'S INCREDIBLE!
THAT'S CORRECT, I DO KNOW.
JUST THAT ONE TIME.
IT WAS QUITE A LONG TIME AGO...
WHAT?
YOU'VE ACTUALLY MET HER?
THAT'S CORRECT.

**A real smile? From Kotori? Quick, someone take a picture!

I WANT TO MEET HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE~!
?
WHAT NOW?
SPEAKING AS IF IT'S ACTUALLY POSSIBLE...
MOVING ON. SHOULD WE HURRY AND EAT LUNCH? THE BELL WILL SOUND ANY TIME NOW.
OH NO, YOU'RE RIGHT!
EVEN IF THE PRINCESS AND HOUNDS THING IS REAL...
IT'S HARD TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND ALL THIS STUFF
.....
LONG PURE BLACK HAIR.
PURE BLACK EYES.
VERY QUIET
ALMOST LIKE A DOLL SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL

パタタッ
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME, WANNA COME EAT REAL QUICK?
YEAH, SURE.
KAZU~!

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コーン
パタタッ
……
バッ
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FINALLY
WE'VE FOUND
HOUND CHILDREN.

HOWEVER
THE MAIDEN IS STILL MISSING.
IT'S TIME TO GO BACK.
HURRY, FIND YOUR PRINCESS
OBEDIENT LITTLE PETS.
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COSPLAY MANIACS
こすぷれまにあっくす。
体操着。
OH!
KAZU, COME HERE~!
*text. Gym Uniform *shirt. Teiru
WHAT THE...?
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?
HUH~?
TORI SAID THAT I SHOULD CLEAN, AND IT'D BE EASIER IN THESE CLOTHES~!
TEIRU'S OUTFIT COORDINATED BY KOTORI

……
あ
SO, UH DID YOU WEAR ANYTHING WEIRD WHEN YOU CLEANED THE BATH?
ん
YUP. SINCE I'D GET WET, TORI GAVE ME SOME SPECIAL CLOTHES~
スクール水着。
*School swimsuit
……
KOTORI..
SO SHE HAS AN UNEXPECTEDLY MASCULINE HOBBY, OR SHE'S A PERVERT, OR...
*Something about a maid costume
WHO
すちゃ
IS A PERVERT?

GOOD GRIEF
YOU DON'T KNOW.
IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THAT YOUR MIND WOULD IMMEDIATELY GO TO SOMETHING BAD
WHAT THE...!?
SINCE WHEN CAN YOU READ MINDS?
OH
GYM UNIFORMS AND SWIM SUITS SEEMS GEARED MORE TOWARD PERVERTS
SOMEONE THIS CUTE NEEDS CUTE CLOTHES TO MATCH.
THAT'S RIGHT. I PICKED OUT CLOTHES FOR KAZUMA, TOO!
*What's going on? I want in~
WHAT?
IT'S A LAW OF NATURE.

セーラー服。
WIG & MAKEUP
スカート短けぇ
*text. Why's the skirt so short
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
WHY A GIRL'S UNIFORM!?
JUST...
WHAT A SILLY QUES-TION.
I AM LACKING IN MEN'S CLOTHING, OF COURSE
KAZU MATCHES~
BESIDES THE HEIGHT, DOESN'T HE LOOK SPLENDID?
EVEN SO, IT LOOKS FINE AS IT IS.
WHY DO YOU ALL SOUND SO HAPPY?
THIS RIGHT HERE IS NEXT.
NEXT!?
SERIOUSLY, IS THAT AN APRON? AN APRON!? NO WAY, NO WAY...

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End-of-Volume Notes

So here we are, end of volume 3. Lots of fun times had. Stay tuned for exposition, Teiru cuteness, and Forte deliciousness. And some other stuff, I guess.

This thing had a lot of important stuff. I think I got the Princess stuff right, but I can't be certain. Pretty sure it's "gave Her power", but then, how would giving Her power to a demon grant her immortality? That might be a plot hole, or something to be expanded on later, or I just missed something important. Same with the Fangs, really. The explanation involved something about the body, I assumed it to be meaning using the Fang as a conduit, so as to use one's power without having to channel it through one's own body. Plenty of other stuff I kind of fudged, but those are the two I can think of. Just making sure we're all on the same "page". I'm bad at Japanese, okay?

I have up through volume 6 RAWs, and from what I can tell, right now we're still right at the beginning. I'd personally estimate that there would probably be ~20 volumes, to give a nice round number. I think Ms. Shady Person a couple pages ago can back me up.

Yes, I'm just building it up, to piss you off with how slow I am.

But anyway. I hope you 5 people enjoyed this chunk of the volume. I'll try to not mess up the next one for you guys.

I should really actually plan these things out. I'm way too disorganized

Okay, bye.

Koton does not approve of your conversation topic. Don't worry, this won't come back to haunt you. Ever.

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